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SUBJECT: PROPOSED ARRIVAL STATEMENT

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1. AMBASSADOR WHITEHOUSE APPROVES THE TEXT OF THE EMBASSY'S
PROPOSED ARRIVAL STATEMENT BUT WOULD LIKE IT CHANGED
SLIGHTLY TO READ AS FOLLOWS:

2. QUOTE: I AM DELIGHTED TO BE HERE AND TO BRING YOU
GREETINGS FROM PRESIDENT FORD AND THE AMERICAN PEOPLE. IN
MANY VISITS TO THAILAND IN THE LAST TWENTY YEARS, I HAVE
DEVELOPED A SPECIAL ADMIRATION FOR YOUR COUNTRY. I LOOK
FORWARD TO RENEWING MANY FRIENDSHIPS AND TO MEETING NEW
FRIENDS AMONG YOU.

3. AMERICANS CANNOT, AND THEY DO NOT, IGNORE THE CONSE-
QUENCES OF RECENT, TRAGIC EVENTS IN SOUTHEAST ASIA. WE
WILL, I BELIEVE, PASS THROUGH THIS DIFFICULT TIME STRENGTH-
ENED BY THE PURPOSE THAT HAS LONG LINKED OUR TWO COUNTRIES'
FRIENDSHIP AND COOPERATION. I HOPE TO FURTHER THAT FRIEND-
SHIP AND SUPPORT THROUGH COOPERATION BETWEEN OUR TWO

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PEOPLES IN THE MONTHS AHEAD.

4. WE IN AMERICA RECOGNIZE THAT THIS IS A TIME OF
EXCITING PROGRESS FOR THAILAND -- AS ITS DEMOCRATIC

INSTITUTIONS ENGAGE THEMSELVES IN DEVELOPING A BETTER LIFE FOR ITS PEOPLE. THE AMERICAN PEOPLE HAVE SUPPORTED IN THE PAST, AND CONTINUE TODAY TO SUPPORT THAI ASPIRATIONS FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT IN THE SHARED BELIEF THAT A PROSPEROUS AND PROGRESSIVE THAILAND SERVES THE CAUSE OF PEACE IN THIS REGION.

5. I LOOK FORWARD TO PRESENTING MY CREDENTIALS TO HIS MAJESTY THE KING. UNTIL I DO THAT, IT WOULD NOT BE APPROPRIATE FOR ME TO RESPOND TO PRESS QUESTIONS. ONCE AGAIN, I AM DELIGHTED TO BE HERE. I HOPE TO BE MEETING EACH OF YOU PERSONALLY SOON. END QUOTE. KISSINGER

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